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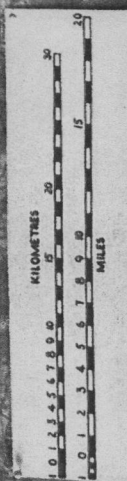
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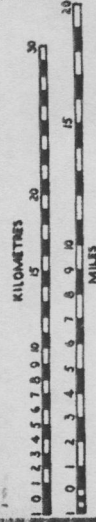
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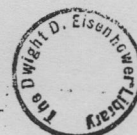
REF NO.	FILE NO.	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	DOC NO.
1.		Cable, MARSHALL to DEVERS discussing the situation in Europe and outlining plans including establishment of Sixth Army Group. (To be included when released)	1.
2.		Oral statement NATOUSA Historian, Major E. D. Salmon, 22 October 1944.	
3.	8 June 44	Cable, ALEXANDER to WILSON, AFHQ, appreciation of the situation in Italy. (To be included when released)	22.
4.	AFHQ Staff Memo #71 28 July 44	AFHQ Advance Detachment will open at BASTIA, CORSICA 29 July 44. Staff and Signal communications will be on a reduced scale at AFHQ.	2.
5.	AG 322/106 A-0 1 August 44	Letter from NATOUSA to all concerned, Subject: Activation of Sixth Army Group.	3.
6.	AG 322/1(6AG) 27 July 44	A study furnished by G-3, NATOUSA to C/S, AFHQ, Adv. Det., Subject: Functions of a Headquarters Group of Armies.	4.
7.	AG 322/1(6AG) 5 August 44	T/O or Manning Table for Sixth Army Group.	23.
8.	Hq 6 AG G.O. #2 27 August 44	Appointment of Chief of Staff and heads of General and Special Staff Section.	5.
9.	AG 370.5/3 C-0 30 August 44	Letter AFHQ, Adv. Det. to all concerned, Subject: Movement of Hq 6 AG to ST. TROPEZ.	
10.	AG 381-1 3 Sept 44	Cable, WILSON to Air Ministry for British Chiefs of Staff - rearrangement of Armies.	6.
	AG 381-1 3 Sept 44	Cable, WILSON to SHAEF, same subject - PATCH not DEVERS in operational command of DRAGOON forces.	6a.
11.	AG 381-1 2 Sept 44	Cable, WILSON to Air Ministry for British Chiefs of Staff - review of situation in Mediterranean Theater.	7.
12.	4 Sept 44	Cable from EISENHOWER - review of situation and intentions.	8.
13.	Hq 6 AG Staff Memo #2 5 Sept 44	Establishment of British Increment.	9.
14.	Hq 6 AG Staff Memo #4 8 Sept 44	Correct designation of Hq Sixth Army Group.	10.

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15.	370.5/3 C-0 9 Sept 44	Letter Hq 6 AG to all concerned, Subject: Movement of Hq 6 AG to LYON, FRANCE.	11.
16.	Hq 6 AG G.O. #3 9 Sept 44	Assignment of Special Staff Officers.	
17.	Hq 6 AG G.O. #4 11 Sept 44	Assignment of Secretary General Staff.	21.
18.		Units commanded by General FREDERICK.	12.
19.	AG 370.5-10 (Gen) 14 Sept 44	Cable, SACMED directing Hq 6 AG to begin operational control on 15 Sept 44.	13.
20.	AG 322-4 (ACC) 14 Sept 44	Cable, SACMED transferring civil affairs responsibility of Southern FRANCE to CG 6 AG 0001B hours 15 Sept, formerly AFHQ responsibility.	
21.	Hq 6 AG Operational Memo #1	B-1, 15 Sept 44, Appendix "A" of Operational Memo #1.	14.
22.	Amend #1 Operational Memo #1	Changes in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 issued on 20 Sept 44.	15.
23.	Hq 6 AG Memo 18 Sept 44	Roster of Staff Officers of French Army "B".	16.
24.	AG 381-10 16 Sept 44	Cable, SHAEF to 6 AG - Boundaries of Armies.	17.
25.	Hq 6 AG Staff Memo #6 17 Sept Hq 6 AG G.O. #5 23 Sept 44	Arrival of French Mission and Appointment of Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2. Appointment of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.	
26.	Hq 6 AG G.O. #6 26 Sept 44	Appointment of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.	
27.	Hq 6 AG G.O. #7 27 Sept 44	Assignment of Public Relations Officer.	
28.	AG 400.34/106 -0 7 August 44	Letter NATOUSA to CG, SOS, NATOUSA, APO 750, Subject: Equipment for Sixth Army Group.	20.

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29.	Hq 6 AG Bulletin 20 Sept 44	Decoration of Personnel.	
30.	Hq 6 AG Memo 20 Sept 44	Revised Manning Table, Sixth Army Group.	24.
31.	Hq 6 AG Staff Memo #9 23 Sept	Staff Procedure for Headquarters Sixth Army Group.	25.
32.	AG 370-6 25 Sept 44	Message to SHAEF - Transfer of XV Corps to Sixth Army Group.	26.
33.	AG 370.5-13 (Gen) 23 Sept 44	Message SHAEF to 6 AG - Proposal of alternative transfer of III Corps, 95th Div. and 2 French Armored Div.	27.
34.	AG 370-6 25 Sept 44	Message to SHAEF - Preference of transfer of XV Corps as Alternative A.	28.
35.	Hq 6 AG Operational Memo #2	Establishment of 1st AB Task Force as a separate command. Dated 24 Sept 44.	29.
36.	Hq 6 AG Ltr of Instr. #1	Letter of Instructions Number One 25 Sept 44.	30.
37.		Oral statement Colonel Heath, G-3, Artillery 15 Nov 44.	
38.	AG 370.5/31 SGS -O 30 Sept 44	Letter Hq 6 AG to all concerned, Subject: Movement of Hq 6 AG from LYON to VITTEL, FRANCE.	
39.	AG 370.5-16 (Gen) 29 Sept 44	Message SHAEF to 6 AG - Units attached to Sixth Army Group.	31.
40.		Personal observations of the author.	
41.	AG 370-6 7 Oct 44	Message to 12 AG - Need for artillery units.	32.
42.	AG 370-6 10 Oct 44	Message 12 AG to 6 AG - Retain 999 FA Bn., 772 FA Bn., 529 Eng Co., 23 Gp Hq.	33.
43.	AG 370.5-3 (Gen) 8 Oct 44 AG 370.5-3 (Gen) 9 Oct 44	Message AFHQ to AAI Main - Transfer of FA Bns. to 7th Army 22 Oct 44. Message AAI Main to 5th Army - Transfer of FA Battalions.	34.
44.	Hq 6 AG Staff Memo #16 9 Oct	Statistical Division established in office of Chief of Staff.	

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45.	AG 370.5-37 6 Oct 44	Message 12 AG to SHAEF - Transfer of 44th Inf Div to Sixth Army Group.	35.
46.	AG 32.2-2 6 Oct 44	Message NATOUSA to AGWAR - Service units for Sixth Army Group.	36.
47.	AG 322/1 - 0 8 Oct 44	Letter Hq 6 AG to all concerned, Subject: Functions of Hq Sixth Army Gp.	37.
48.		Oral statement of General R. E. Jenkins	
49.	9 Oct 44	Message AGWAR to ETOUSA - 10th Light Division.	38.
50.	AG 370.5-45 11 Oct 44	Message to SHAEF - No requirement for 10th Light Division.	
51.	AG 320.2-1 23 Oct 44	Message to SHAEF - First Special Service Force be reorganized as Inf Regt.	39.
52.	Hq 6 AG Staff Memo #17 10 Oct	Organization of Joint Planning Staff, Sixth Army Group.	40.
53.	AG 300.4 (13 Oct 1944) L-686	Subject Orders - Hq ETOUSA 13 Oct 44 Transfer of Generals Truscott and Brooks, change of command of VI Corps.	
54.	Amend #1 Ltr of Instr #1	Letter Hq 6 AG 13 Oct 44 to CG's 1st French Army, 7th Army, 1st ABTF - Relief of 1st ABTF.	41.
55.	Parade in Arms 16 Oct 44	Decoration of General de Lattre in Besancon.	42.
56.	Hq 6 AG Staff Memo #19 17 Oct	Establishment of Liaison Section this Headquarters.	
57.	Hq 6 AG G.O. #8 17 Oct 44	Assignment of Special Staff.	
58.	Hq 6 AG Staff Memo #22 20 Oct	Liaison Officers from other Headquarters.	43.
59.	AG 300-1 17 Oct 44	Message NATOUSA to AGWAR - Transfer of personnel to ETOUSA from NATOUSA.	
60.	18 Sept 44	Message AGWAR to ETOUSA - Reference to boundaries.	44.

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61.	AG 322/1 A-0 19 Oct 44	Letter Hq 6 AG to all concerned - Allotment of Grades to Hq, Hq Co. & Special Troops, Sixth Army Group.	45.
62.	Hq USSAFE G.O. #81 20 Oct 44	Establishment of First Tactical Air Force (Prov) with Hq at VITTEL.	46.
63.	Hq 1st TAC(Prov) Ltr of Instr #2	Mission of 1st TAC(Prov) to support units of Sixth Army Group.	
64.	AG 210.311-1 23 Oct 44	Message NATOUSA to AGWAR - Assumption of command of NATOUSA by Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney.	
65.	AG 201 (Devers) 24 Oct 44	Message NATOUSA to 6 AG - Assignment of General Devers to 6 AG effective 22 Oct 44.	
66.	Hq 6 AG Adm Ltr #1 22 Oct 44	Rear boundaries of Armies effective 0001A hours 23 Oct 44.	47.
67.	Hq 6 AG Adm Instr #1 24 Oct 44	Administration and Supply.	48.
68.		G-3 briefing at conference 25 Oct 44.	
69.	Hq 6 AG Bulletin 25 Oct 44	Decoration of Vice Admiral H. K. Hewitt, U. S. Navy.	
70.	AG 322/6 (ACC) E-0 24 Oct 44	Letter Hq 6 AG to CG 7th Army - Conception of Military Government.	
71.	AG 322/6 (ACC) E-0 21 Oct 44	Letter Hq 6 AG to CG's 7th & 1st French Army - Interim Directive on Military Government in GERMANY.	49.
72.	AG 370.5-3 (Gen) 30 Oct 44	Message to SHAEF - 9 Infantry Regiments to be sent to Sixth Army Group.	50.
73.	AG 370.5-3 (Gen) 2 Nov 44	Message SHAEF to 6 AG - 9 Inf Regts arrive Marseilles 6-8 Dec 44.	51.
74.	AG 381-10 28 Oct 44	Message from SHAEF - Antwerp and Siegfried Line offensives.	52.
75.	AG 381-10 2 Nov 44	Message from SHAEF - Amendment of para 8-9 in message in Ref. 74.	
76.	Hq 6 AG 28 Oct 44	Weekly Intelligence Summary #6	53.

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77.	Hq 6 AG Ltr of Instr #2 28 Oct	Extract of Letter of Instructions Number Two, Paragraph 2, Boundaries.	54.
78.	AG 200.6-4 11 Oct 44	Message to NATOUSA - Presentation of awards by Brazilian Minister of War Enrico G. Dutra to Generals Devers and Barr.	

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79.	AG 331.2-1 Staff Memo #25 28 Oct	Officer's Mess and Club Council.	
80.	AG 312.4-2 21 Oct 44	Message AGWAR to all overseas commanders - Change of NATO to MTO 1 Nov 44.	55.
81.	AG 370.5/530 C-O 29 Oct 44	Letter from NATOUSA to CGs of units - Transfer of Units from NATOUSA to ETOUSA.	
82.	1 Nov 44	Announced at Staff Conference.	
83.	AG 323.31-1 19 Oct 44	Message from SHAEF - No crossing of Franco-Italian Border unless ordered by SHAEF.	56.
84.	AG 322/1 A-O 1 Nov 44	Letter Hq 6 AG to all concerned - Allotment of Grades to Hq, Hq Co, & Special Troops, Sixth Army Group.	57.
85.	AG 322-4(ACC) 30 Oct 44 12 Oct 44	Message to SACMED G-5 - Transfer of Civil Affairs to SHAEF. Assumption of Civil Affairs responsibility 0001A hours 1 Nov 44 by SHAEF.	
86.	AG 370-13 2 Nov 44	Message from SHAEF - Opening of the Port of BORDEAUX.	58.
87.	AG 400.13/2 E-O Hq 6 AG 6 Nov 44	Letter to CG 7th Army & 1st ABTF - Individual Troop Purchases in FRANCE.	
88.	Hq 6 AG Staff Memo #28 7 Nov	Establishment of Psychological Warfare Section.	59.
89.	Hq 6 AG 19 Nov 44	Letter to all concerned - Amendment No. 1 to Operational Memo No. 3, 8 Nov.	60.
90.	14 Nov 44	Public Relations Weekly Report.	61.
91.	AG 200.6/3	Citations given 11 Nov to Mr Warren G. Fugitt and Pvt. Julian C. Dillard.	62.
92.	Hq 6 AG G.O. #10 15 Nov 44	Appointment of Deputy Chief of Staff.	
93.	4 Nov 44	Extract of Weekly Intelligence Summary Number 7.	63.

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94.	8 March 45	Conference with General Jenkins, G-3.	
95.	9 March 45	Conference with Colonel Lodge, Liaison Officer.	
96.	FFO No 571 17 Nov 44	Functions of the Mediums of Command of FFO(Forces Francaises de L'Ouest)	64.
97.	AG 370.2-179 19 Nov 44	Message to SHAEF - Situation on Sixth Army Group front. Redline dispatch.	65.
98.	AG 311.23/5 SIG-0 18 Nov 44	Letter to Chiefs of Staff Sections - Supreme Commander's Redline Network.	66.
99.	Hq 6 AG Op Memo #5 20 Nov 44	Announcement of responsibilities of air defense.	67.
100.	Hq 6 AG Adm Memo #5 20 Nov 44	Levels of Supply.	68.
101.	AG 370.5-47 24 Nov 44	Message from ETOUSA - Movement of FABTF at earliest possible date to SOISSONS, LYON, MOURMELON.	
102.	AG 322/1 A-0 25 Nov 44	Letter 6 AG to all concerned - Allotment of Grades to Hq, Hq Co, & Special Troops, Sixth Army Group.	
103.	25 Nov 44	G-3 briefing by Major Adams.	
104.	AG 381-10 27 Nov 44	Message from SHAEF - Concurrence.	
105.	AG 314.7-5(B)	G-1 Report "After Action Against Enemy" for month of November, dated 12 December 44.	
106.	21 April 45	Interview - Colonel K. S. Andersson, Engineer Section, Heidelberg, Germany.	

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SECTION III

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1944

14 July . . . . . . General Marshall sends cable to General Devers directing formation of Sixth Army Group.

1 August . . . . . Headquarters Sixth Army Group activated at BASTIA, CORSICA General Devers commanding.

15 August . . . . . D day, DRAGOON, Invasion of Southern FRANCE.

31 August . . . . . Headquarters moves to ST. TROPEZ, FRANCE and opens there same date.

10-15 September . . Movement of Headquarters to LYON, FRANCE.

15 September. . . . Sixth Army Group becomes operational. Includes Seventh Army and French Army "B". SHAEF assumes operational control of all Allied Ground Forces in Southern FRANCE.

15-20 September . . Regrouping to place Seventh Army on left. Moderate advance by Seventh Army. French Army "B",henceforth known as First French Army, fighting off counter-attacks along the approaches to BELFORT.

29 September. . . . Letter of Instructions Number One issued (Dated 26 Sept) includes plans, boundaries and missions. FABTF placed directly under Headquarters Sixth Army Group.

29 September. . . . XV Corps passed from Twelfth Army Group to Sixth Army Group and assigned to Seventh Army.

5 October. . . . . Headquarters Sixth Army Group closes at LYON and opens at VITTEL, FRANCE.

8 October. . . . . Visit of General Marshall.

9 October. . . . . 442nd Infantry arrives and assigned to VI Corps.

13 October. . . . . General Brooks replaces General Truscott in command of VI Corps.

13 October. . . . . Amendment Number 1 to Letter of Instructions Number One published. Provided for relief of First Airborne Task Force by 10 November.

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25 October. . . . . 44th Division recently joined takes over part of the line in XV Corps.

28 October. . . . . Letter of Instructions Number Two issued including directions for continuation of the offensive.

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1 November. . . . . Designation NATO changed to MTO (Mediterranean Theater of Operations) SWITZERLAND and FRANCE excluded from area.

3-9 November. . . . Progressive relief of 45th Division by elements of 100th Division.

8 November. . . . . Operational Memorandum Number 3 issued. Rescinds Amendment Number 1 to Letter of Instructions Number One. Provides for progressive relief of units of First Airborne Task Force to be completed by 21 November.

10 November. . . . . 45th Division relieved by 100th Division.

13 November. . . . . "D" Day for Sixth Army Group. Seventh Army launched attack.

14 November. . . . . I French Corps launched attack toward BELFORT GAP.

20 November. . . . . XV Corps captured SARREBOURG; I French Corps entered BELFORT and reached RHINE at HUNINGEN and KEMBS.

21 November. . . . . XV Corps breaks through the VOSGES.

22 November. . . . . XV Corps occupied SAVERNE and moved through SAVERNE GAP.

23 November. . . . . Elements of 2nd DB and a motorized battalion of 313th Infantry occupied STRASBOURG.

24-25 November . . . General Eisenhower visited Headquarters Sixth Army Group and made a tour of inspection of Seventh Army and First French Army.

28 November. . . . . 44th AAA Brigade completed relief of First Special Service Force on Franco-Italian front.

GLOSSARY

SECTION IV

A

AFHQ . . . . Allied Force Headquarters
AG . . . . Adjutant General
AGWAR. . . . . . Adjutant General War Department
ANVIL. . . . . . Original plans for invasion of Southern FRANCE

B C

CDN . . . . Canadian
CG . . . . Commanding General
COMZONE. . . . . Communications Zone
CONBASE. . . . . Continental Base Section
CP . . . . Command Post
C/S . . . . Chief of Staff

D

DB . . . . Division Blindee' (Armored)
DIA . . . . Division Infantry Algerian
DIC . . . . Division Infantry Colonial
DIM . . . . Division Infantry Moroccan
DMI . . . . Division Marche Infantry
DMM . . . . Division Mountain Moroccan
DRAGOON. . . . . Southern FRANCE Invasion Final Plans and Operation
DUKWS. . . . . . Amphibious Trucks 6 x 6

E

ETO . . . . European Theater of Operations
ETOUSA . . . . . European Theater of Operations United States Army

F

FFI . . . . French Forces of the Interior
FFO . . . . Western French Forces (Forces Francaises de L'Ouest)

G

G-1 . . . . Personnel (General Staff Section)
G-2 . . . . Intelligence
G-3 . . . . Plans and Operations
G-4 . . . . Supply
G-5 . . . . Civil Affairs and Military Government
GOUM . . . . . . Goumier, a Moroccan volunteer, usually from the high Atlas Mountain region
GSC . . . . General Staff Corps

H

HQ . . . . Headquarters

I

IGD . . . . Inspector General's Department
INC . . . . Information and Censorship

J

JAGD . . . . Judge Advocate General's Department

K L

LST . . . . Landing Ship, Tank

M

MAAF . . . . Mediterranean Allied Air Force
MATAF. . . . . . . Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Force
MTO . . . . Mediterranean Theater of Operations
MTOUSA . . . . . Mediterranean Theater of Operations United States Army

N

NATO . . . . North African Theater of Operations
NATOUSA. . . . . North African Theater of Operations United States Army

O

OPD . . . . Operations Division

P

PRO . . . . Public Relations Office

Q R S

SACMED . . . . . . Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theater
SCAF . . . . Supreme Commander Allied Force
SHAEF. . . . . . . Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force
SOS . . . . Services of Supply

T

TABOR. . . . . . . A battalion of Goums, strength 891
T/O . . . . Table of Organization

U V W

WFF . . . . Western French Forces (FFO)

X Y Z